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President's Message

Finally, after a long two year wait, we will finally have the Whitman Coin Show in Baltimore and a live meeting of the MSNA Board. The club, and to some extent the hobby, have been somewhat dormant for nearly two years. This will be my first live meeting. Please attend the show and the meeting. My thanks to Jeri Burke and Lori Kroft at Whitman for scheduling it.

My pandemic presidency has been quiet. Thanks to Simcha Kuritzky, the *Maryland Numismatist* has come out on time. Sadly, Bryce Doxzon has fallen seriously ill and cannot continue as the club's secretary. His contributions were immeasurable.

A few matters to consider at the meeting:

First, we need to sell raffle tickets and not lose money on the raffle.

Second, we need to elect new officers. Only the post of Treasurer is secure.

Third, we need a simple, basic website.

Fourth, it would help to know of planned *Maryland Numismatist* articles.

Fifth, review club finances.

Finally, we might need to coordinate exhibit matters at this and the March show.

There will be some light snacks in case no other food options are available. Comments are welcome: tombetsock@gmail.com.

My local club – Montgomery County Coin Club – had on October 12 its first live meeting since March 2020. We had an excellent speaker who operates a pawnshop in downtown Washington. It is thriving, and, not surprisingly, bullion is hot, in a noncriminal way. Attendance was down a bit, but it was raining, the location was different, and the owners of the location did not allow snacks. It would be interesting to hear what other clubs have seen.

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Bryce Doxzon: A Numismatic Retrospective

By Edward L. Craig

Most of you know of, or have met, Bryce Doxzon. He is a relatively quiet and low-key person. This outward calm masks a very dedicated numismatist with over forty years of experience. Even though he is younger, Bryce was well involved in formal numismatics when I got the bug and joined several of the organizations of which Bryce was already an highly active member.

Bryce is a true collector at heart. His primary area of interest is medals; especially United States presidential and inauguration medals. A key and important part of his hobby interests is exhibiting his material. This gives him a chance to display his items of interest but more importantly to share the history surrounding these keepsakes with others, both other collectors and the general public. Bryce has exhibited at local shows and national shows to include ANA conventions around the country. His exhibits are certainly worth the time it takes to peruse them. He has had winning exhibits at some shows but the important factor to him is sharing his knowledge and material with others.

He belongs to many numismatic and exonumia organizations. When I say belongs, that is an understatement. Bryce is always a very active member of any organization to which he belongs. He has held various key positions with almost all of these organizations. That quiet guy you see is a behind the scenes dynamo, providing his dedication, professionalism, hard work and sage advice. Any club to which he belongs reaps the benefits of Bryce's team spirit and tireless efforts.

Go to any Pre-COVID numismatic event in the Baltimore area and you could find Bryce Doxzon there, helping out, performing a critical function, running an activity, taking registrations, coordinating exhibits or just making himself useful. His dedication to our hobby community is boundless, both at the local and national level.

He served as the Exhibits Chairman of two consecutive ANA World's Fair of Money shows in Baltimore (2003 and 2008), and as the Publicity Chairman of the 1993 Baltimore ANA Anniversary Convention. He has taken his experience at coordinating exhibits to new levels, now doing the job every year at the Whitman Baltimore Spring show under the auspices of the Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA), where he solicits for exhibits, manages the exhibit area , serves as Chief Judge and presents

the awards. In addition he has exhibited at ANA shows and is a qualified ANA judge. He is the ANA Club Representative for the Catonsville Coin Club, a job he has held for years. He was appointed to the ANA Exhibits and Awards Committee for 2013-15. In 2016, Florida United Numismatists made him a Numismatic Ambassador.

On the local level, he has held the President and Vice President offices in three clubs, Secretary in four, and Treasurer in two. Note that he has been the Secretary of MSNA for over twenty five years. Additionally, he has served as Publicity/Advertising Chairman in two clubs, and the Program Chairman for one. He has designed medals for two clubs, one national and one local.

He has the respect of all who work with him. It is for such reasons that Bryce was nominated and received the ANA's prestigious Glenn Smedley Award. Bryce's numismatic affiliations are numerous and so are the key positions he has held and the activities that he has led and supported. His involvement is never casual, it is very proactive, focused, professional and success oriented.

Here is the very impressive list of organizations to which Bryce belongs and the important roles he has held:

American Numismatic Association: (ANA) Exhibits and Awards Committee, Exhibitor, Glen Smedley Award winner (2016)

Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA): Secretary (28years), Publicity/Advertising chairman

Maryland Token and Medal Society (MD TAMS): President, Vice President, Secretary

Baltimore Area Numismatic Coalition (BANC): Registration Co-chairman, Secretary, Publicity/Advertising chairman (over 40 coin shows in 15 years)

Baltimore Coin Club (BCC): President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Whitman Show Registration volunteer

Catonsville (MD) Coin Club: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, ANA Club Representative, Program Chairman

Token and Medal Society (TAMS): Annual Medal Design Winner

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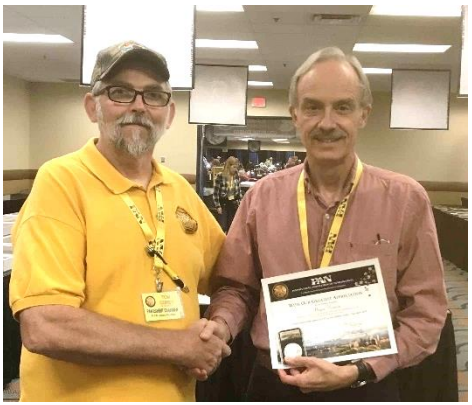
This retrospective on Mr. Bryce Doxzon is being written now because after all his considerable contributions, activity, and guidance in support of these organizations, he has regrettably had to terminate most of his key functions except his membership. Bryce was diagnosed with ALS a few years back but kept executing his critical functions and provided needed support to his clubs and their activities. His debilitation has made it necessary to stop his extremely long record of such critical support. As a member of these organizations, Bryce plans to be as active as possible but can no longer hold key positions. With this in mind, the Maryland State Numismatic Organization (MSNA) and the Maryland Token and Medal Society (MD TAMS) wanted to make sure that we publicly thanked Bryce and recognized all his long-standing and impressive contributions to our organizations and our hobby. THANK YOU BRYCE !!!



Effect of Wood Coatings on Coins

By Thomas Betsock

In the spring issue, I described an experiment in which I placed identical groups of coins in small glass containers, each containing a different type of uncoated wood. Bare wood emits gasses – think of the smell of cedar. The purpose of the experiment was to see if long-term storage of coins would be affected by wood. After several months of storage in both cold and hot weather, there was no effect on the coins.

The experiment was repeated, this time with a variety of coatings on pine wood: shellac, latex paint, oil paint, walnut oil, food-grade boiled linseed oil, and polyurethane (Minwax). Again a golden dollar, a recent cent, a silver dime, and a recent quarter – all shiny AU or BU grade – were used. Four coins were placed in a lidded glass jar, along with a well-coated chunk of pine. The coins did not directly touch the coins. The jars were stored for ten months in a shed having no climate control. Shellac and walnut oil are natural products and considered environmentally friendly. Boiled linseed oil is not friendly because it contains drying agents.

The results were surprising. The Minwax, shellac, and latex and oil paints had no effect on the coins, but the linseed oil and walnut oil effectively ruined the non-silver coins. They went from BU to AG. The silver dimes were slightly duller but not much damaged. In the earlier test, coins were placed in a jar with uncoated but recently cut walnut slabs and there was no impact at all. As for the linseed oil, one wonders if raw linseed oil – no additives – would produce the same result. Raw linseed oil is rarely

used because of its long drying time, and can be hard to find. The shellac jar had a noticeable shellac smell when opened, but the coins were fine.

The obvious conclusion is that one should not store coins in or near anything coated with boiled linseed oil or walnut oil. The next test, already underway for next summer, will be to test coins in plastic containers. Looks like some of the test coins will need to be replaced.

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The American Numismatic Association (ANA) held their first World's Fair of Money in August since the pandemic outbreak. The dealer's tables were spaced apart, and many attendees were masked. The Virginia Numismatic Association (VNA) also held their annual show in Fredericksburg after skipping last year due to COVID-19.

At the ANA World's Fair of Money, MSNA life member Michael Shutterly won second place in History for his exhibit "Shining Lights in a Dark Age," and second place in Economics for "How Money Dies," which was also the cover story for the September issue of *The Numismatist*.

MSNA Editor and Treasurer Simcha Kuritzky's exhibit on "The Roaring Lion of Megiddo" won third place in the Geography class. His exhibit "Feline Paper Money Type Set" did not place.

David Schenkman received the eponymous Schenkman Literary Award second place from the Token and Medal Society at their annual banquet held at the ANA show. The winning article was "A Maine to Remember: Numismatic Mementos of the Ill-Fated Ship."

The ANA presented Michael Shutterly with the Prue and Arthur Fitts Literary Award for Ancient and Medieval Money Studies first place for his article "Leaves of Silver: The Art & Artistry of Bracteates," published in the April, 2020 edition of *The Numismatist*.

At the VNA show, Simcha Kuritzky's exhibit on "The Roaring Lion of Megiddo" won best of show, and his exhibit "Feline Elongateds" won third place in individual exhibits. Michael Shutterly placed an exhibit on Hungarian post-World War Two paper money noncompetitively since he was also a judge.

Simcha Kuritzky also was appointed the chair of the ANA's Exhibit Committee, a post he held under President Adkins (2017-19). He held an unofficial meeting of the committee the Friday of the ANA convention under the auspices of the Washington Numismatic Society, since President Ellsworth had eliminated the Exhibits Committee shortly after entering office. That didn't mean there was no work; we just had to do it under the radar. For example, this year we decided that the rarity scale for exhibits only applied to numismatic material, not collateral material (though that could earn points for degree of difficulty). Also, if an exhibit only includes collateral material (and in Chicago there was an exhibit of a cash box from the Civil War which had special spaces for fractional notes), then it would have to be shown non-competitively. Strangely, this same exhibit had some Civil War-vintage money that had been found in the box, but the text did not discuss this money at all. If this exhibit is to be entered again into competition, the accompanying text would have to focus on the money circulating during the Civil War and use the cash box as an accessory.

Local News

In June, the **Montgomery County Coin Club** watched two PCGS videos on detecting U.S. counterfeit coins. Treasurer and ANA Representative Simcha Kuritzky gave a talk based on his exhibit on feline species type set of paper money for the July meeting, and reviewed the ANA's World's Fair of Money in August. The September meeting featured an ANA Money Talks video by Brad Seidel on Dr. Lewis Feuchtwanger and his pre-Civil War "German Silver" tokens. The October meeting was the first live meeting in 1½ years, and pawn shop owner Jessica Barakat spoke about her experiences buying and selling coins and medals at Crown Pawnbrokers on 14th Street in DC. The November 9 and December 14 meetings will be back at the Forest Glen Senior Citizens Center, and the December meeting will feature the annual charity auction.

In June, the **Washington Numismatic Society** listened to the CoinWeek Podcast *The Infamous 1933 Double Eagle*, and in July, showed two videos from YouTube on Chinese coins and currency. In September, since the meeting coincided with the Jewish harvest festival *Sukkot*, President Simcha Kuritzky gave a talk on plants shown on ancient Jewish coins. The October meeting featured a CoinWeek video *Behind the Scenes at the National Numismatic Collection*. They intend to meet in person at the November 16 and December 21 meetings at a new location in DC.

The **Bowie Coin Club** now meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Kenhill Center at 2614 Kenhill Drive in Bowie.

Coin Club Meeting Calendar (most months)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
First				Baltimore
Second	Cambridge, Colonial	Montgomery, W. Maryland	Belmar, MR, Catonsville	
Third	Colonial (sometimes), Bel Mar	Washington Numis. Soc.		Baltimore
Fourth	Carroll County		Bowie, Middle River (MR)	MSNA Board

What's Your Sign?

Part Forty-Nine: Avon Star Gazer Medals

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

Avon is well known for its perfume, but they also sell jewelry. While the Avon name dates back to 1929, it was originally the California Perfume Company founded in 1886. Most of their jewelry are simple pendants, but the Star Gazer line of 1981 is more medallic.

These bimetallic pendants have a white metal cut-out over a brass base. The medal part is between 26 and 27mm in diameter, plus 2mm for the loop. The weight varies between 5.5 and 7.1 grams with the loop.

The front has the figures with no wording. The frame surrounding the zodiac sign is based on the ancient element in the repeating sequence fire,

earth, air, and water. Interestingly, the Gemini twins are two women and not the male Castor and Pollux of Greek mythology.

The back side all show the 12 sigils in a circle, starting with Aries between 2 and 3 o'clock and continuing clockwise. Since the sign just past the loop at top has the Capricorn sigil, it's likely the designer thought the zodiac started with Capricorn since it's the sign associated with January 1.

Inside the circle is the Latin name, the first day of the sign, a hyphen, and the last day of the sign. I have managed to buy ten of the pendants, and found photos online of the other two. Here is a list of the signs and dates:

Zodiac Sign		Element	Dates
♈	Aries	fire	Mar. 21 – Apr. 19
♉	Taurus	earth	Apr. 20 – May 21
♊	Gemini	air	May 22 – June 20
♋	Cancer	water	June 21 – July 22
♌	Leo	fire	July 23 – Aug. 22
♍	Virgo	earth	Aug. 23 – Sept. 22
♎	Libra	air	Sept. 23 – Oct. 22
♏	Scorpio	water	Oct. 23 – Nov. 21
♐	Sagittarius	fire	Nov. 22 – Dec. 21
♑	Capricorn	earth	Dec. 22 – Jan. 19
♒	Aquarius	air	Jan. 20 – Feb. 19
♓	Pisces	water	Feb. 20 – Mar. 20

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Maryland Coin Show Dates

All shows have free admission. Only the Whitman show does not have free parking. All shows are subject to cancellation due to the pandemic; check before going.

6 Nov. – **Carroll County Coin Club Show**, Best Western Conference Center, 451 WMC Drive (at Route 140), Westminster, MD; 9:30-5.

7 Nov. – Annapolis Coin and Currency Show, Elks Lodge #622, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD; 9-4.

13-14 Nov. – Western Maryland Spring Coin Club Show, Fire Hall #1, 421 National Highway, Lavale, MD. Sat. 9-4, Sun. 10-3.

18-20 Nov. – Whitman Baltimore Summer Expo, Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt Street; Thu noon-6, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5.

27-28 Nov. – Frederick Coin and Currency Show, Elk Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick, MD; 9-4:30.

4 Dec. – Baltimore Stamp & Coin Show, Maryland State Fair Grounds, Mosner Miller Building, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD; 9-4.

19 Dec.– Hunt Valley Coin and Currency Show, Holiday Inn, 9615 Deereco Road, Lutherville-Timonium, MD; 9-4.

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23 Jan. – Annapolis Coin and Currency Show, Elks Lodge #622, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD; 9-4.

31 Jan. – Hunt Valley Coin and Currency Show, Holiday Inn, 9615 Deereco Road, Lutherville-Timonium, MD; 9-4.

13 Feb. – Salisbury Annual Coin Show, Loyal Order of Moose, 833 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD; 10-5. Jesse Furry Sr. 302-245-4006.

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